

PLAN TO REDISTRIBUTE BRITISH FLEET ASSAILED

Naval Correspondent of London Times Says Report Is Disquieting.

TO PREVENT COAST RAIDS
Seems to Foreshadow Reversal of Policy of Offensive Which Has Been Successfully Followed Since Fourteenth Century.

LONDON, May 11.—The naval correspondent of the Times, in an article in today's issue, criticizes the recent announcement of First Lord of the Admiralty Arthur J. Balfour that the British fleet was to be redistributed to prevent coast raids by the Germans.

"Mr. Balfour's statement," the correspondent says, "is disquieting to students of naval warfare, because the first lord appears to foreshadow a reversal of that policy of offensive defense which we have successfully followed since the fourteenth century."

"The object of the Germans in making these raids is to bring about a redistribution of our naval forces to their own advantage. After the attack on Hartlepool, the admiralty stated that such raids must not be allowed to modify the general naval policy. This was sound sense. But now Mr. Balfour suddenly announces that alterations are being made in the distribution of our naval forces."

"The alterations are as follows: First, important naval forces are being brought southward; second, submarines and monitors are to be used for coast defense. The forces brought southward will presumably be based on some port not hitherto used for that purpose, but the Germans will soon ascertain both the composition of the forces and the harbor where they are stationed. Then, as the Germans use only vessels of the highest speed for these raids, any force set aside to deal there with must have a similar quality, as well as a preponderance of gun power.

"The weakness of this strategic change lies in the substitution of squadrons in fixed positions on our own coast for periodical sweeps, which we have been told the battle fleet is in the habit of making through the North Sea.

"As for submarines, they have never proved their ability to torpedo boats going at full speed, and raiders are likely to have little difficulty in avoiding their attentions. The proposal to use monitors is the most disturbing feature of the whole scheme. These slow and unwieldy machines may, as they float, act as a bait to the enemy, but it can hardly be proposed to station them in such numbers as to afford complete coast protection. To employ them for defense instead of offense is directly contrary to all approved notions of British strategy."

YOUNG WOMAN, IN POOR HEALTH, ENDS HER LIFE

Miss Carrie Evans, of Lancaster County, Shoots Self, Relativess Flaming Body in Bath-Room.

LANCASTER, Va., May 11.—Carrie Evans, a native of Middlesex County, but for five or six years residing at Whitestone, in the lower part of Lancaster County, as the mother of a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert B. Dunaway, committed suicide yesterday evening by shooting herself in the temple with a pistol. For some time she had been in poor health, and recently had been visiting her married sister in Middlesex, the latter returning with her to Whitestone yesterday evening. Coming back to the house, after a walk, members of the family could not find Miss Evans in her room. Her lifeless body later was found in the bathroom, lying on the floor with a pillow under the head and a pistol near by.

FINDS \$175 IN OLD DESK

Purchaser Who Paid 20 Cents for Piece of Old Furniture Makes Discovery.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
BUCKINGHAM, Va., May 11.—At a public sale of the personal property at New Store, the home of the late Louis D. Jones, an old desk was sold for twenty cents. Peter Hales being the purchaser. Later, while Hales was taking the old piece of furniture home in a wagon, something under the desk attracted his attention. Looking down, he saw a \$2 note sticking out of the corner of a large leather pocket-book, and on opening it he found \$175 in currency and a box containing \$5 in 10-cent pieces.

Mr. Hales notified one of the executors of the estate of his find and returned the pocketbook and contents. He will be handsomely rewarded for so doing. It long had puzzled the heirs of Mr. Jones to know what had become of this pocketbook, which they knew their father had just before he died.

Stolen Automobile Recovered.

Major Warner was informed yesterday that the automobile stolen from C. E. Willis, a salesman for C. W. Antrim & Sons, 117 East Cary Street, some time ago, had been recovered by the police of Wilmington, Del. According to the letter, the machine was given as security by a young man giving the name of William H. Williams, after he had been arrested on a charge of operating the car without proper licenses. Williams promptly disappeared and has not been seen since.



BRUTE!
"Does he like to fasten his wife's gowns?"
"Yes. He believes it is the only way he can shut her up."

May Ask Germany About Punishment

Inquiry Concerning Penalty on Submarine Commander Who Sunk Sussex Likely.

WASHINGTON, May 11.—Secretary Lansing indicated today that the United States might make inquiries of the German government regarding the punishment imposed upon the commander of the submarine that sank the Sussex.

It was not disclosed how the inquiry would be made. State Department officials were not prepared today to say whether the department would insist upon any specific degree of punishment being inflicted upon the commander. There are numerous precedents for making such an inquiry. Germany, during trouble in China, insisted upon the execution of certain persons in the presence of a German officer.

APPAM CASE UP TO-DAY

Many Prominent Lawyers Will Take Part in Hearing of Libel Proceedings at Norfolk.

NORFOLK, Va., May 11.—In the United States District Court, before Judge Edmund Waddill, at 11 o'clock tomorrow morning, the libel against the prize ship Appam and her cargo will come up for hearing. Some of the best-known international law experts in the United States will be arrayed on the two sides of the case.

The principal point involved, raised by the German government, is the question of the jurisdiction of the Federal court. The attorneys for Germany will contend that under existing treaties the Appam, as a German prize of war, is subject only to internment as a warship, and not liable to libel proceedings. The same claim is made as to the cargo.

The British owners, backed by the British government, contend that, failing to clear the port of Newport News within twenty-four hours, the prize reverts to her owners.

Frederic R. Condit, Ralph Jones and M. Bullock, of New York, and Hughes & Vandewater represent the owners of the Appam. Associated with the Norfolk attorneys in the libel on the cargo are Barry, Wainwright, Thacher & Symmer, of New York. The German government is represented by John W. Clifton and Walter S. Penfield, of Washington, D. C.; Marvin Lindheim, of New York, and Hughes, Little & Seawell, of Norfolk.

Met at Centenary.
Presidents of all Epworth Leagues and junior superintendents will meet tomorrow night at 8 o'clock in the parish house of Centenary Methodist Church for the purpose of discussing matters of importance to the Richmond Epworth League Union.

DEATHS IN VIRGINIA

Miss Mattie T. Young.
The late David S. and Helen Kemper Young, of Staunton, died at St. Luke's Hospital at an early hour yesterday morning. The body will be taken to the funeral services will be held from the Second Presbyterian Church, conducted by her pastor, Rev. William N. Scott, D. D., to-day at 2 o'clock. Miss Young is survived by her sisters, Mrs. William C. Young and Mrs. Carrie M. Anderson, of this city.

Mrs. Francesco Fontanini.
Mrs. Francesco Fontanini, wife of Carlo Fontanini and niece of Charles Traferi, one of the most prominent Italians in the city, died yesterday at her home, following a brief illness. She was twenty-six years old. Funeral arrangements had not been completed last night.

Mrs. Edward Mack.
Mrs. Mary Ash Mack, wife of Rev. Edward Mack, D. D., of the Union Theological Seminary, died yesterday in Goldsboro, N. C., after a long illness. Besides her husband, she leaves four children, all of whom were with her at the end. She was the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. George L. Kirby, of Goldsboro.

The funeral will take place this morning in Goldsboro.

Mrs. Mollie Jordan Tyree.
[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
LYNCHBURG, Va., May 11.—Mrs. Mollie Jordan Tyree, aged seventeen years, daughter of Lee Jordan, died at her home near Burton's Creek on Wednesday afternoon.

John W. Eckman.
[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
PULASKI, Va., May 11.—John W. Eckman, prominent in business, died here to-day, following an illness of less than two days from angina pectoris, aged seventy-four years. He was president of the Pulaski National Bank, and was identified with other business interests. Mr. Eckman was prominent in political circles, having been one of the staunchest Republicans in the Ninth District and chairman of the county organization. He was several times delegate to national conventions. He was a native of Lancaster County, Pa., coming to Pulaski nearly thirty years ago.

Mr. Eckman's body will be taken to Quarryville, Pa., for interment on Sunday. He leaves a wife and two sons, Joseph and Hensel, Asbury Eckman, Bradford, Ill.; Edward Eckman, Columbia, Pa.; Mrs. Isaac Walker and Miss Annie Eckman, Quarryville, are brothers and sisters.

DEATHS.
FONTANINI.—Died, yesterday, after a brief illness, MRS. FRANCESCO FONTANINI, nee Traferi, wife of Carlo Fontanini, in the twenty-sixth year of her age. Her parents, Giuseppe and Assunta Traferi, of Suva, Italy, she is survived by one sister, Mrs. Frank Suva, of this city. Her husband, Peter and Charles Traferi, also of Richmond.

Funeral notice will be given to-day.

FLOURNOY.—Died, May 11-16, Washington, D. C., MISS A. O. FLOURNOY, formerly of South Richmond.

FUNERAL SATURDAY. 3 P. M., Bainbridge Street Baptist Church, Interment Mount Cemetery.

GOODE.—Died, at his residence, 505 1-2 North Twenty-fourth Street, MR. GEORGE GOODE.

Funeral notice later.

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LOST, on Jincey, pair spectacles, between Allison and Grove and Cohen's store, given to F. P. Fliry, Merchants National Bank.

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WOULD REGARD RUPTURE WITH U. S. AS GRAVE PERIL

Summary of Speech Attributed to Von Bethmann-Hollweg Before Reichstag.

GUIDED BY REASON, NOT ZEAL.

Self-Respect Wounded by Aggressive Wording of American Note, but Considerations of Policy Compel Subordination of Feelings.

LONDON, May 11.—What purports to be a summary of the speech of Dr. von Bethmann-Hollweg, the German Imperial Chancellor, at the secret sitting of the general committee of the Reichstag on May 5 concerning Germany's reply to America, is published by the Woodlands Press to-day under a Berlin date. The Woodlands Press states that the following remarks by the Chancellor may be accepted as unquestionably authentic:

"I have said before that we must drop all sentimentality. I repeat that. With regard to our dispute with America, our self-respect was wounded by the aggressive wording of the American note to Germany. Our feelings urge us to repel this interference with our legitimate methods of warfare, and tell America to mind her own business, but considerations of policy compel us to subordinate patriotic zeal to patriotic reason. We must be guided, however, not by our feelings, but by the coolest judgment. We have one aim and one duty, namely, to win the war; therefore, any policy which endangers our victory must be avoided. The overwhelming majority of expert opinion regards a rupture of relations with America as a grave peril.

MISTAKE IN OVERSTATING

VALUE OF U-BOAT CAMPAIGN

"A great mistake has been committed in overstating the value of the submarine campaign against England. Our naval experts no longer believe in the probability of reducing England to starvation and ruin by submarines, even if the war lasts another two years. It is probable that these instruments can inflict a frightful amount of damage, but this damage would be insufficient to outweigh the danger to ourselves of America's hostilities.

"It is folly to underestimate the consequences of a conflict with America, even if it leads to only America's enmity. Our information leads us to believe that other neutrals might follow America's lead.

"The Imperial government has weighed every factor and is convinced of the necessity of avoiding a breach with America.

"These are the hard facts of the present situation. We have worded a reply such as may reserve future liberty of action. If the situation changes, we may cancel our concessions to America and resume unrestricted submarine operations, but for the present we must overcome our feelings and pursue the policy most conducive to final victory over all our enemies."

THIRTY PERISHED IN FIRE

Number of Deaths Among Negroes at "Movie" Blaze Larger Than Was Thought.

NORFOLK, Va., May 11.—Further investigation of the ruins of the fire building destroyed by fire at Wallace, Norfolk County, last night, has disclosed the fact that the death rate was larger than at first thought. Instead of thirteen, about thirty negroes perished in the flames. With one exception, all were women and children. The bodies were badly charred and could not be recognized.

In addition to the number known to be dead, a score or more men, women and children were injured, and are being cared for in Portsmouth. James Davis, the operator of the motion-picture machine that caused the fire, when it exploded, is expected to die. Arrangements are being made for the burial of all the dead to-morrow afternoon.



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High in the roster
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It is written into life's expectations that motherhood is the one sublime accomplishment. And if there is anything, no matter how simple, how apparently trivial it may seem, if it can aid, help, assist or in any way comfort the expectant mother, it is a blessing. And it is a remedy called "Mother's Friend."

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Kern Says Bryan Is Backing Wilson

Favors His Renomination and Will Work for Re-Election of President.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

WASHINGTON, May 11.—Senator John W. Kern, majority leader of the Senate, said to-day:

"William Jennings Bryan is for the renomination of President Wilson, and he will do all in his power to bring about his re-election."

"Those who are charging that Mr. Bryan will oppose the nomination of Mr. Wilson, or that after he is nominated Mr. Bryan will not support him, do not know the man. I believe I know him well, and know his views on matters generally with regard to the Democratic party, and I know that Mr. Wilson will have a loyal and valued supporter in the former Secretary of State."

"There seems to have been a concerted effort to put Mr. Bryan in an attitude of antagonism to Mr. Wilson, and one way of doing this has been to charge him with being the prime mover in every organization that is supposed to be opposed to the policies of this administration, or that may embarrass the President. This is untrue. Mr. Bryan. There will be no discord in the Democratic party. Mr. Bryan will be found supporting the President as loyally and as ably as any Democrat in the country."

SHERMAN TAKES UP FIGHT

Argues Against Rivers and Harbors Appropriation Bill, After Kenyon Ends Two Days' Speech.

WASHINGTON, May 11.—Senator Sherman took up the fight against the \$12,000,000 rivers and harbors appropriation bill to-day, after Senator Kenyon had spoken more than two days against the measure.

The Illinois Senator was speaking when the Senate recessed to-night until 11 o'clock to-morrow. He attacked the general provisions of the bill.

Before he yielded the floor, Senator Kenyon gave notice that he would resume later his effort to have adopted his substitute, which would appropriate a lump sum of \$20,000,000, to be expended on river and harbor work by the War Department.

MOSBY PROMOTED

Post-Office Inspector for This District Is Given Position With Department in Washington.

Hal B. Mosby, post-office inspector, who has been in charge of the local district for several years, with headquarters in this city, has been promoted and assigned to duty at the Department in Washington. Mr. Mosby is a nephew of Colonel John S. Mosby, and during the time he has been in charge of the local district, has been most successful in breaking up some of the largest swindling schemes ever operated in the country through the use of the United States mails.

Mr. Mosby's successor for this district has not yet been announced.

WINE OF CARDUI CASE ON

Defense in Which Z. C. Patten, Jr., Asks \$100,000 Damages for Alleged Libel Closes.

CHICAGO, May 11.—The defense in the suit in which Z. C. Patten, Jr., seeks \$100,000 damages from the American Medical Association for alleged libel closed its case to-day.

The jury was dismissed until to-morrow, and arguments for and against a directed verdict for the plaintiff were begun. Patten charges that libel was committed in an article published in the Journal of the association, denouncing "Wine of Cardui" as a nostrum.

Street Car Catches Fire.
Street car tracks around Fourteenth and Main Streets was blocked for about half an hour yesterday morning, when a Hull Street car caught fire as it was turning into the West Main Street tracks. Captain Wright, of the Third Precinct Station, happened by the scene a short time after the car caught fire and assisted in straightening out the congested traffic. The motor of the car is said to have been burned out, but the car otherwise was not damaged nor was anyone hurt.

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WIDOW OF IRISH EDITOR TO DEMAND FULL INQUIRY

Mrs. F. Sheehy Skeffington Says Husband Was Victim of Gross Miscarriage of Justice.

TOOK NO PART IN REBELLION

On Contrary, Tried to Prevent Looting and Was Shot Without Pretense of Trial—Refused to Be Blindfolded and Died With Smile.

LONDON, May 11.—Mrs. F. Sheehy Skeffington, widow of the Irish editor, in a further statement to-day, declared that her husband, at the risk of his own life, went to the rescue of a wounded officer outside of Dublin Castle on Easter Monday afternoon, the crowd being afraid to venture near. When he arrived at the spot he found that soldiers already had taken the officer away.

Skeffington was arrested, his widow's statement continues, although unarmed and unresisting, and on Tuesday, was taken to Portobello Barracks and shot without a trial, no priest being summoned to attend him.

Mrs. Skeffington declares that her statement can be corroborated by other witnesses. Her husband, she says, was the victim of a gross miscarriage of justice under the guise of martial law. He took no part in the rebellion, and tried to prevent looting and was shot without pretense of a trial. When she last saw her husband alive he had called a meeting to stop the looting, and was waiting to see if any one would attend it.

From private sources, Mrs. Skeffington says, she received the following account of her husband's death: "Mr. Skeffington refused to be blindfolded and met death with a smile, saying that the authorities would find after his death what a mistake they had made. They put his hand to his eyes and a bullet passed through his hand and into his brain."

The widow declares that she received no notification of her husband's death, and that she was refused any information concerning him. When two of her sisters went to the barracks and made inquiry concerning Mr. Skeffington they were put under temporary arrest. On Friday night, following the execution of her husband, a large milit-

tary force, according to Mrs. Skeffington, surrounded her residence, fired without warning on her windows, burst open the doors and placed her and her son, aged seven, under arrest, and for three hours ransacked the house. Three days later they again raided the house and made prisoner of her maid, who was detained for nearly a week. Unknown to her, her husband's body was dug up from the Portobello Barracks Cemetery and transferred to the Glasnevin Cemetery.

Before calling the anti-looting meeting, Mrs. Skeffington asserts that her husband, by personal appeals, had stop-

ped some looting. The widow, in her statement, demands the fullest inquiry into Mr. Skeffington's death, at which she will be legally represented.

Unsound Chickens.
The local branch of Swift & Co., A. F. Flabacher, manager, was fined \$25 and costs in the Police Court yesterday on a charge of offering unsound chickens for sale. The company is alleged to have delivered the fowls to Doyle's Cafe, where H. H. Hartzell, the manager, reported the occurrence to the proper authorities. The fowls later were sent to the crematory.



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